

awards is expected, also contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds, progress of the research and continuing program need. Applications received by the Office of Science, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, under its current competitive application mechanisms may be deemed appropriate for consideration under this notice and may be funded under this program.

The intent in asking for a preapplication is to save the time and effort of applicants in preparing and submitting a formal project application that may be inappropriate for the program. The preapplication should consist of a two to three page concept paper that focuses on the scientific objectives and basic research approaches planned. No budget information or biographical data need be included; nor is an institutional endorsement necessary. The preapplication gives us the opportunity to advise potential applicants on the suitability of the scope of the research proposed to the mission of the DOE Energy Biosciences program. A response indicating the appropriateness of submitting a formal application will be sent from the Energy Biosciences program office in time to allow for an adequate preparation period for a formal application.

When a formal application is made, it must be 10 pages or less, exclusive of figure illustrations, and include the hypotheses being tested and the proposed experimental design. Additional pages must include a one-page abstract or summary of the proposed research, curriculum vitae, a listing of all current and pending federal support, and letters of intent when collaborations are part of the proposed research.

#### Merit Review

Applications will be subjected to a scientific merit review and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR part 605:

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project,
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach,
3. Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources,
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

Information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and

procedures may be found in the 10 CFR part 605 and the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to SC's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web Site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 4, 2002.

**John Rodney Clark,**

*Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-5-002]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Amendment

February 6, 2002.

Take notice that on January 23, 2002, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP01-5-002, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Algonquin on December 21, 2001, in Docket Nos. CP01-5-000 (the HubLine Project), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Algonquin seeks authorization to: (1) Modify the diameter of the 29.4 mile pipeline from 24 inches to 30 inches; (2) modify the diameter of the Deer Island Lateral from 16 inches to 24 inches; and (3) make minor modifications to two meter stations in order to accommodate the increased pipe diameters. Algonquin states that the incremental cost of modifying the HubLine Project facilities is estimated to be \$19.6 million.

Algonquin does not propose to amend the approved recourse rate to reflect the cost increase, but asserts that it will be at risk for the additional costs.

Algonquin states that these modifications will not increase the firm capacity made available by the HubLine Project (authorized in Docket No. CP01-5-000) due to existing constraints on its system. However, Algonquin notes that the proposed modifications will allow for future expansion of its system to meet growing demand with fewer environmental impacts.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Steven E. Tillman, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642 at 713-627-5113.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before February 27, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission.

Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. The preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-316-005]

#### ISO New England, Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 6, 2002.

Take notice that on January 25, 2002, ISO New England Inc. (the ISO) hereby submits its "Index of Customers" for the fourth quarter of 2001. Under the ISO's FERC Tariff for Transmission Dispatch and Power Administration Services the index of Customers lists all entities, both participants in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) and Non-Participant customers under the NEPOOL Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* February 15, 2002.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-4-001]

#### Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Amendment

February 6, 2002.

Take notice that on January 23, 2002, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135, filed in Docket No. CP01-4-001, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Maritimes on December 21, 2001, in Docket Nos. CP01-4-000 (the Phase III Project), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Maritimes proposes to increase the diameter of a one-mile segment of pipeline at the Beverly, Massachusetts terminus of its Phase III Project from a 24-inch diameter pipe to a 30-inch diameter pipe. Maritimes will also perform minor modifications at its Salem Metering Station to reflect a single 30-inch diameter pipeline for the entire Phase III Project, including the elimination of a 24-inch pig launcher and a 30-inch receiver that will no longer be necessary. Maritimes estimates that the cost of modifying the one mile of Phase III Project pipeline will increase the cost of the project by approximately \$3.5 million. Maritimes acknowledges that it will have the burden of proof in any future rate case if it seeks to roll these additional costs into its system-wide rates. Maritimes asserts that the need for the amended authorization is dependent upon Algonquin Gas Transmission Company's related filing in Docket No. CP01-5-002 to increase its HubLine Project pipeline to 30-inch diameter line.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Joseph F. McHugh, Director, Regulatory Affairs, M&N Management Company, 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135 at 617-560-1518.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party